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Dear Al,

I'm nearing the end of the draft of my book on Posner's book and I've been looking for someone who can do some library research not possible locally. Can you find the time to do this for me? I presume it would have to be at the main library , perhaps also in a law school library.

There is what appears to be out of the ordinary about him and it interests me.

In a 103 ChiTrib interview Posner said he graduated with honors from Berkeley law school, California, UC. I'm told that the current Martindale, Hubbell law directory says he went not there for law school but to I think Gannon, in Erie, Pa. He did go to Berkeley as an undergraduate. From there, after passing the bars in 1979, he went immediately a Wall Street firm, He told the ChiTrib only that he left there after two years to form his own firm. Is it not to wonder whether his leaving was voluntary?

He had this supposed firm for two years. He took what he says was a pro bono case against the Mengele family and the German government. "That came to nothing" or "Nothing came of that" is all he said to the Trib. Also rather an odd way of putting it. He then did his Mengele book. I may be wrong in my recollection of when it came out but it was the first of the four books he had published by three years ago.

Among other questions, how much law did he practise then and what was the real cause of the end of that Mengele suit? Plus, how did he pay the costs, if he did? Perhaps the NYTimes index would be helpful on that.

What I'd like is copies of what is said about him in Who's Who (probably in the east or in New York), what Martindale Hubbell says about him back to about 1980 and ditto for Contemporary authors to where he first appeats, and any other similar directory. Plus what the Times index shows.

If you can do this, please let me know, and also the costs, so I can pay you,

Thanks if you can, and best wishes,

Harold